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Evie Lovett Special Events in February at The BCA Center

Burlington, VT: (February 2, 2012) In conjunction with the exhibition *Evie Lovett: Backstage At The Rainbow Cattle Co.*, Burlington City Arts is excited to announce three special events happening at The BCA Center on Church Street in Burlington. *Evie Lovett: Backstage At The Rainbow Cattle Co.*, presented in collaboration with The Vermont Folklife Center, runs from December 9th to March 24th, 2012. There will be an artist lecture with Evie Lovett on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7pm, a documentary film from Producer Kevin Smith titled *Small Town Gay Bar*, on Thursday, February 16th at 7pm, and a special reception and Drag Show with the *Ladies of the Rainbow Lounge* on Friday, February 17th, 2012 at 7pm; all are free and open to the public.

About the exhibition

Evie Lovett: *Backstage At The Rainbow Cattle Co.*

Vermont photographer Evie Lovett offers visitors a unique and highly personal portrait of drag queens in rural Vermont. Lovett offers a rare glimpse into the spectacle of drag by documenting backstage preparations for the monthly shows at the now defunct Rainbow Cattle Company in Dummerston, Vermont. The photographs of participants—grocery store workers to nuclear power plant operators—reveal the power of personal transformation. This collaborative project, between the Vermont Folklife Center and The BCA Center, combines Lovett's photography with audio interviews of past performers at the Rainbow Cattle Co., with the audio portion produced by the Vermont Folklife Center from interviews conducted by Evie Lovett and Gregory Sharrow. This exhibition comes to The BCA Center

directly from the Vermont Folklife Center in Middlebury, and features an expanded collection of images.

Artist lecture with Evie Lovett, Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7pm:

“Why Should I Care About Drag Queens?”

Evie Lovett spent almost two years taking photographs of the life backstage before the monthly drag show at the Rainbow Cattle Co. in Dummerston, Vermont. She will speak about what drew her to photograph the drag queens, and how her perspectives have changed and evolved.

Documentary Film: *Small Town Gay Bar*, Thursday, February 16th at 7pm

2006, 76 Minutes, Unrated, Directed by Malcolm Ingram

Nominated for Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 2006

Deep in the heart of the “Bible Belt,” homosexuals still face intolerance and adversity. Several spirited bar owners, however, have shown the courage to create places for people to call home. *Small Town Gay Bar*, executive produced by Kevin Smith, presents an intimate portrait of establishments that provide much more than an evening of entertainment – they’re places to be free.

Drag Show and Evie Lovett Reception, Friday, February 17th at 7pm

Exhibition reception features a performance by *The Ladies of the Rainbow*: Miss Kitty Rawhide, Mama Mayhem, Miss Candi Schtick, Miss Mercedes Roulette, Miss Sophia Penelope Precious and others - bringing their tunes and wit to Burlington from the southeast reaches of Vermont.

Backstage At The Rainbow Cattle Co. are an important part of Burlington City Arts, celebrating 30 years of supporting the arts, 1981-2011, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit BURLINGTONCITYARTS.ORG.

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